Reply of Government.—It is intended to continue all taluk headquarters as Municipalities.

SUBJECT No. 209.

Division of a taluk into circles.

Mr. A. Anniah Pandit, Mysore District Board.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 210.

Election of Mahomedan members to Local Boards.

Mr. C. Rasul Khan, The Anjuman-i-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 211.

Lighting in Unions.

Mr. A. Anniah Pandit, Mysore District Board.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 212.

Sanitation of villages.

Mr. C. Sreenivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Sanitation of villages is much neglected. A committee may be appointed for the improvement of village sanitation. Provision for good drinking water may be made in all villages.

Reply of Government.—District Sanitary Officers and Sanitary Inspectors have been appointed in order that the necessary steps may be taken for the improvement of village sanitation. A committee is unnecessary. Wells are being sunk in villages as far as funds permit.

SUBJECT No. 213.

Allotment for drinking water wells.

Messrs. Ramappa and Rangappa, Srinivaspur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The sanctioned annual allotments from the Local Fund Budget are insufficient to meet the growing necessity for drinking water. Special grants may, as in former years, be continued for a couple of years more to meet urgent needs.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 214.

Improvement of District headquarters.

Mr. Abdul Khalik, Chikmagalur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that a general policy may be laid down for the allotment of a certain sum annually from the State Budget for the improvement of the District headquarter towns as most of these cannot afford sufficient funds for improvement out of their municipal revenue.

Reply of Government.—State aid is being granted as far as funds permit for the improvement of towns. A fixed annual grant cannot be sanctioned.

SUBJECT No. 215.

Destruction of lantana.

(1) Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.
(2) Messrs. Agali Venkataramiah, Sira Taluk, Narahariah and Chennalingappa, Nelamangala Taluk.
(3) Messrs. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk, A. Ramanna, Yedatore Taluk, and Chiksubba Rao, Hunsur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The Lantana Extirpation Act may be introduced. A penal clause is necessary for enforcing the clearance of lantana on occupied lands.

(2) Ryots use lantana and prickly-pear for hedging purposes, which not only render the locality unhealthy but take away much of the valuable land by overgrowth. It has been repeatedly urged that a regulation might be passed for the extirpation of lantana and Government were

pleased to order that the subject was under consideration. The matter may be expedited.

(3) For checking the growth of lantana last year it was observed that it was in contemplation to introduce some kind of insects from Mexico for its destruction. In the western part of the Hunsur taluk several villages have been deserted. Coorg has taken steps to eradicate the same. Hence it is proposed:—

(i) That the Forest Department may be required to have lantana pulled out by elephants in reserved forests where at present free growth is ensured inasmuch as no outsiders are admitted into those forests.

(ii) That landholders may be prohibited from planting lantana for hedges, the prohibition being enforced with a rupee fine in case of disobedience.

(iii) That Amildars may be empowered to require holders of private lands by means of a notice to clear lantana in their premises or to have it cleared by Sirkar at the cost of landholders, such cost not exceeding one year's kandayam on such lands.

(iv) That steps may be taken to clear lantana in Sirkar lands.

Mr. Crawford.—Continuous cultivation is necessary for the removal of lantana. Further plantation of lantana for hedges, etc., should be prohibited.

Reply of Government.—The result of the conference held in this connection is under consideration and orders will shortly issue.

SUBJECT No. 216.

Opening toll-gates.

Mr. Seenappa, Kolar District Board.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 217.

Roads on tank bunds.

Mr. Seenappa, Kolar District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The District Fund roads on tank bunds should be metalled, as the traffic in rainy season is great and the bad conditions of the roads causes hardship.

Reply of Government.—The matter may be represented before the District Board.

SUBJECT No. 218.

Cattle pounds in the State.

Messrs. Guru Rao, Tarikere Taluk and C. Sreenivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Withdrawn.